

MOUNT JOY BOROUGH COUNCIL
December 7, 2020 Minutes

The Mount Joy Borough Council held its regular meeting on December 7, 2020. In light of the Coronavirus this public meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call- Present were Councilors Dominic Castaldi, Joshua Deering, David Eichler, Lu Ann Fahndrich, William Hall, Michael Reese, Bob Ruschke, Brian Youngerman and Mayor Timothy Bradley, Jr. Staff present were Borough Manager, Casey Kraus, Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Stormwater Officer, Dave Salley; Codes and Zoning Officer; Stacie Gibbs; Police Chief, Robert Goshen and Administrative Assistant, Lisa Peffley. Absent, Mary Ginder.

Mayor Bradley gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

President Hall announced there were no Executive Sessions held since the last Council Meeting.

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Reese, approval was given to accept the agenda for the December 7, 2020, Borough Council meeting. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked if there any provisions for money in the new budget for the proposed new Municipal building. Sterling also inquired about tree maintenance.

Joe McFarland, 825 Terrace Ave., spoke regarding the large water runoff issue from Bruce Avenue onto his property. He stated that it has caused structural damage to his home, landscape damage and is tearing away at his driveway. McFarland feels this is not normal run off and it needs to be addressed by the Borough. He has spent tens of thousands of dollars over the years to continually fix an issue that should have been fixed or should be fixed up on Bruce Ave.

Report of Mayor

Mayor Bradley sent a report via email to Council for November 2020.

Report of the Chief of Police

Robert Goshen, Police Chief, provided a written monthly report for October 1, 2020, through September 31, 2020. The report showed 15 traffic arrests and 19 criminal arrests for the month. There was a total of 524 incidents for the month of October, with a total of 5,806 incidents year to date. Monies collected by the Police Department for the month for tickets, permits, reports, and services totaled \$2,186.76.

Report of Fire Department Mount Joy (FDMJ)

Matt Gohn, FDMJ Fire Chief, provided a written monthly report for October 2020.

Report of SVEMS

SVEMS provided a written report for November 2020.

Report of EMA

Matt Kratz provided an oral monthly report for October 2020.

Report of Main Street Mount Joy (MSMJ)

Dave Schell, Executive Director, provided a monthly report for November 2020.

Report of the Milanof-Schock Library (MSL)

Barbara Basile, Executive Director of Milanof-Schock Library, provided an oral monthly report for October 2020.

Report of Codes and Zoning Officer

Stacie Gibbs, Codes and Zoning Officer, provided a written monthly report for November 2020

Report of Stormwater Officer

Dave Salley, Stormwater Enforcement Officer, provided a written monthly report for November 2020.

Report of Public Works Director

Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director, provided a written report for November 2020.

Report of the Borough Authority Manager

No report provided.

Report of the Borough Manager

Casey Kraus, Borough Manager, provided a written monthly report for November 2020.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Youngerman, approval was given for the minutes of the regular Borough Council meeting held on November 2, 2020, with correction. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Reese, approval was given for the minutes of the special Borough Council Budget minutes for November 5, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Eichler, and a second by Reese, approval was given for the minutes of the special Borough Council Budget minutes for November 10, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Reese, and a second by Ruschke, approval was given for the minutes of the special Borough Council Budget minutes for November 17, 2020. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Administration and Finance Committee

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the 2021 General Fund Budget. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the 2021 Refuse Fund Budget. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the 2021 Capital Fund Budget. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve the 2021 Highway Aid Fund Budget. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Ordinance No. 7-20 – setting the 2021 tax rate. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution 24-20 – Council Appointments to various boards and commissions. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution 25-20 -advertising the 2021 meeting dates, times and locations for the Council, Authority, Boards, Commissions and Committees. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution 26-20 – establishing refuse and recycling rates as required annually under the Municipal Waste and Recycling Ordinance. *Motion carries unanimously.*

On a **MOTION** by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve a Deferred Improvements Agreement for The Lakes at Donegal Springs. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Report of the Public Safety Committee

Mayor Bradley and Chief Goshen led a discussion on a timeline for the hiring process of Police Officers. After the discussion, President Hall asked all Council members to be at the January 25, 2021 Public Safety Committee meeting for the purpose of adopting the list of candidates.

Report of the Public Works Committee

On a **MOTION** by Deering, and a second by Reese, a request was made to approve Resolution 27-20- updating certain fees. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Input Period

Ned Sterling, 13 W. Main St., asked for some clarification on the 10f on tonight's agenda.

Dave Schell, 214 E. Main St., informed Council he went to the borough office today gave his application for a key fob for the compost site. Got it within two minutes. Schell said this is a great thing. He feels it is one of the best things the Borough has done.

Any other matter proper to come before Council

Deering asked for an update on where things stand with the hiring of a Borough Manager. Youngerman said he plans on discussing this issue at the December Administrative and Finance Committee meeting. Youngerman plans on having the process completely figured by the end of that meeting so we can move forward with hiring a new Borough Manager.

Castaldi told Council he may have access to an Infection Disease Doctor through his employer who would possibly be able to speak at a Public Safety Committee. Hall suggested it may be better to hold a public forum zoom meeting for Borough residents.

President Hall took this time to thank all Borough staff, the Mayor and Borough Council. He said 2020 has been a tough year for the Borough with employees having to learn a new way to work, new projects, 2021 budget, the retiring of a Police Chief and the hiring of a new Police Chief, who is doing a great job as is the new interim Borough Manager.

Authorization to Pay Bills

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Reese, Council approved paying the bills as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$	122,082.26
REFUSE/RECYCLING	\$	48,327.30
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	45,144.80
HIGHWAY AID FUND	\$	3,248.50
ESCROW FUND	\$	3,470.23
JOY LAND ACCOUNT	\$	-
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	222,273.09

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings and dates of importance

See the Green calendar for the month of December 2020.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:25 PM for personnel issues and contract issues. Council came out of Executive Session at 9:23 PM. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

On a MOTION by Youngerman, and a second by Castaldi, approval was given to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles M. Kraus, III
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary

